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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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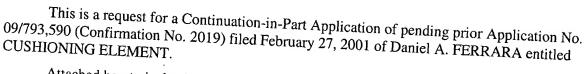
Re:

Application of Daniel A. FERRARA

CUSHIONING ELEMENT

Our Ref: A8655

Dear Sir:



Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract, 7 sheets of drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

A copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (Small Entity fees apply):

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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